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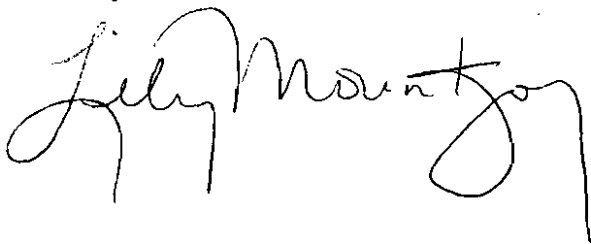
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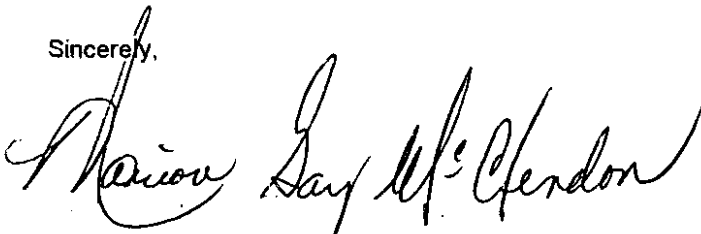
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**I myself am a deaf person and have relied on VRS to communicate often and they do a wonderful job to convey the communication between the two parties with no doubt! I really am proud of their services toward the Deaf Communities from all over the United States.**

**Sincerely,**

*Robin Viall*

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We, the deaf and hard of hearing people want all the VRS Services in USA keep going as we really need as ADA law required.

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In short, you must not renege on your promise, your commitment in this matter — true, promises are made to be broken, even by you "elate" Congressmen — ergo, you people I assume you do have compassion, so you must not cannot in all good conscience proceed with such a hideous, deplorable, unconscionable act —

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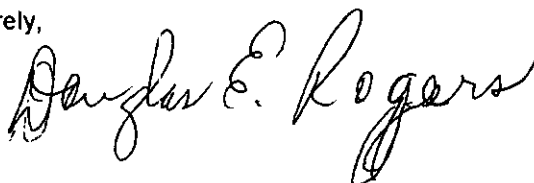
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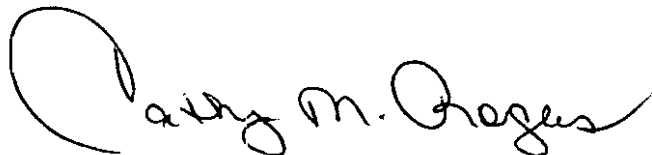
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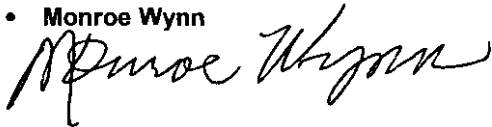
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